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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R 1.111

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed concurrently with the national stage filing of PCT/FR00/02461. Applicant requests that the following be entered into the file of the above-referenced application prior to prosecution on the merits of the case.

IN THE CLAIMS:

The following claims have been amended.

3. The device according to *claim 1*, characterized in that projections in the longitudinal median plane of the device of the lateral edges of the pouches are offset relative to each other.

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4. The device according to *claim 1*, characterized in that the pouches are of different widths.

5. The device according to *claim 1*, characterized in that
35 the means (C) for fixing each reinforcement element to its associated pouch wall also fix together integrally the reinforcement element and its associated wall in the vicinity of its lateral edges.